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Town settles on 1.98% tax increase

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Council spent two days going through the 2017 municipal operating and capital budgets line by line. By the time they finished, they had approved an overall blended tax hike of 1.98% (including the 1% capital levy) for 2017, including county, police and conservation authority taxes, and education tax. It will mean an additional \$8.16 for the "average" home assessed at \$70,220.

Admittedly "nickel-and-dime" councillors made cuts in the operating budgets of various departments – including their own, forgoing an \$6,470 salary increase – while still adding new staff to address growth.

Among the unavoidable increases: hydro costs, and leisure services' new billing system. The existing book-

ing software is no longer supported, and the new ActiveNet booking system, once in place next spring, will charge the town for each transaction – adding \$70,000 annually. Director of community services Terry Foran noted the cost could be partially recouped by charging customers a surcharge, but didn't recommend it, since user fees are already going up in 2017. Coun. Gary Baynes agreed, warning against "double and triple dipping."

There were also a handful of additions – \$10,000 to support town advisory committees, \$1,000 for the Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday program in elementary schools, and \$1,000 for the Museum on the Boyne in Alliston.

As for the new positions, the town will add a senior engineering technologist,

building inspector, building permit technician, capital engineering part-time staff – all of which are covered by user fees, not taxes – and senior planner.

Council also approved the following:

- A new municipal office employee (\$87,387), offset by increased revenues – increasing the number of officers patrolling school zones, and easing "the burden" on the existing staff so they can respond to call-outs in better time, said enforcement manager Brent Lee.

- Parks operator. The \$75,162 position will start in July, coinciding with the addition of Henderson Park.

- Water/wastewater operator. "It's part of growth, as we are developing to the west, to sound to the north," adding for ferries and pumping stations, said Brad

Sullivan, manager of wastewater. "We are definitely at the point we need it." The \$68,864 hire impacts water/wastewater rates, but not taxes.

- Public works "B" operator (\$67,910). "It's a growth-related item," said Foran. "It's unfortunate that growth will pay for equipment, and not an operator."

- One new full-time firefighter. Fire Chief Kevin Gallant had requested four new full-time positions, in keeping with the town's Fire Master Plan, to ensure four full-timers are available on each shift, covering sick days and vacations. "If we have less than four they will wait until our volunteer staff show up at the hall," Gallant said. "That is causing delays. We feel it is a need at this particular time... to provide an additional level of control for the municipality."

"We have other pitches from other departments. I'm going to stick with just one," replied Deputy Mayor James Leduc.

Also turned down: a utilities locate technician (\$77,340), a supervisor of facilities (\$107,495) and an events programmer (\$84,000), despite Foran's impassioned plea for additional help in events, calling the department "100% understaffed."

"I know we have a tough year coming up," said Leduc, referring to Canada's sesquicentennial. "I want to make due with what we have ... A park operator is a little more important."

As for the capital budget, projects proposed were "well in excess of the funds available for 2017," council was warned – especially since the town has depleted its reserves. As a result, a number of projects were deferred to 2018, including a changeover from fluorescent lighting to LED lights at the leisure centre rink, and planned urban road improvements.

There were also overages in two 2016 infrastructure projects: the 8th Line water-

main, and the secondary water pipeline from Innisfil, which jumped \$21 million.

"I am very disappointed to see the additions. It's unacceptable," said Mayor Rob Keffer. "There is absolutely no way I will approve an increase of \$21 million in the budget." The projects are covered by the early-payment agreement with developers, said CAO Geoff McKnight, and the developers have also been notified. "Definitely, there were concerns expressed." He promised staff "will look for a less expensive way of doing things."

"I feel like overruns in 2016 are penalizing 2017," said Baynes. "We've got to take care of the old part of town." He suggested using supplementary taxation and the year-end surplus to replenish depleted reserves and move forward with roads.

Council approved the 1.98% blended tax increase, a 2.32% increase in water/wastewater rates, and the revised capital budget – except for Line 8 and the Innisfil Secondary Supply line overages – and agreed supplementary taxes will go to replenish the capital replacement reserve fund.

Provide a Warmer Winter

South Simcoe Police are again collecting new and gently used winter coats to give to needy families, to ensure everyone has "A Warmer Winter." Outgrown and no longer needed children's winter coats and other winter wear and adult coats can be dropped off at either the North or South Division, where donation boxes will be placed inside the front doors. Officers

will collect the coats and make sure they are distributed to those in need.

South Division, 81 Melbourne Dr., Bradford, is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to accept donations. North Division, 2137 Innisfil Beach Rd., is open for donations seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The collection of winter coats will continue all season.

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vanilla and mix.

Add: 1/2 cup All purpose

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1/4 cup cocoa

1/4 tsp. baking soda

1/8 tsp. salt

Beat until moistened and

turn into a 9"x9" greased

pan.

Bake in 350°F oven for 15 minutes. Do not overcook.

Cool thoroughly.

MIDDLE LAYER:

In a separate bowl, beat together:

2/3 cup softened butter, 2 cups icing sugar,

1 1/2 Tbsp. milk, 1 tsp. peppermint flavouring, 5-6 drops

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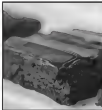
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Spread over the mint layer.

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Giving pets a fighting chance in a fire

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

There aren't any hard and fast statistics, but those in the field estimate from 40,000 to 150,000 animals – ranging from livestock to beloved family pets – perish in fires every year in the U.S. In Canada, a fair estimate would be 4,000 to 15,000 animals, most of which succumb to smoke inhalation.

That's why Invisible Fence launched Project Breathe, a program that distributes pet oxygen mask kits to fire departments and other first responders. Each kit contains three customised face masks of different sizes, designed to fit over the snouts of pets from the smallest kitten to the largest dog, and hook up to a fire truck's oxygen supply.

Kits also contain full instructions, a decal to put on the truck indicating "Pet Oxygen Masks on Board," and a leash to restrain the animal once it is retrieved.

When Innisfil firefighter Derek Salter (Station 2) learned about Project Breathe, he was inspired to spearhead an effort to secure four kits – one for each fire station and first-response vehicle in Innisfil. Pets are a beloved part of many families, he noted. "Animal lives are just as important."

With the blessing of Innisfil Fire and Rescue, Salter contacted Bruce Hauck, of Invisible Fence, and found a sponsor in community partner Simcoe Veterinary Hospital of Barrie. It took a while, but on Nov. 24, the four kits were delivered to Fire Station 2 in LeRoy.

Veterinarian Mark Bolton and Maura McConachie, registered veterinary technician at Simcoe Vet Hospital, and Hauck joined Deputy Fire Chief Tim McCallum and fire-



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Delivering Project Breathe kits, Bruce Hauck (centre, in blue), of Invisible Fence, and sponsors Dr. Mark Bolton and registered veterinary technician Maura McConachie join Deputy Fire Chief Tim McCallum and firefighters at Innisfil Fire Station 2 in LeRoy.

fighters for the presentation.

Hauck brought his golden retriever, Baxter, to demonstrate the use of the masks. "Hopefully, it's a case where they don't have to be used," he said, "but at least you can give the animal a fighting chance."

Later, Hauck said introducing Project Breathe "is one of the most satisfying parts of my job. We've had really good feedback." The pet oxygen mask

kits have also been delivered to the Queensville fire service, receiving an acknowledgement from East Gwillimbury council.

"It's the ultimate in dog safety," Hauck said, noting Invisible Fencing provides assurance by confining an animal to the safety of the backyard, "and now with this, it's a beautiful thing."

"It is something (that is) nice to



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bruce Hauck, of Invisible Fence, demonstrates the use of a pet oxygen mask on Baxter.

have on a truck," said Innisfil firefighter Blair Vigneux. Cats, dogs and other pets "are just as much of a loved one for some people."

Each Innisfil fire station will receive a kit to carry on board its first-response vehicle.

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Season for school bus cancellations

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium, which provides the school vehicles for both the Simcoe County District School Board and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, reminds parents and students information on school vehicle cancellations is available at simcoecountyschoolbus.ca, and via Twitter, @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

Every effort is made to post weather-related cancellations between 6 and 6:30 a.m. If vehicles are cancelled in the morning, the decision remains in effect for the entire school day. Cancellations may be restricted to a single weather zone; check the website for details.

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Point of View

Changing the paradigm

The minister of indigenous and northern affairs and the minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) have announced new investments in First Nations housing that will build, renovate or retrofit close to 6,000 homes in 2016-17.

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett has announced \$268 million in funding this year for 956 First Nations-led projects that will construct and renovate 3,174 homes across Canada, while Jean-Yves Ducloux, minister responsible for the CMHC, has committed another \$64 million for retrofits and renovations to another 2,800 homes, and \$3.7 million for skills development.

It's a vital and important step, especially since inadequate and substandard housing and overcrowded homes have had serious health implications for First Nations communities. And it's a good thing, both that the projects are First Nations-led and that there is a skills component to the funding.

But this is an opportunity to change a dynamic that goes beyond simply providing more money, to make up for years of underfunding and neglect. This is an opportunity to change a paradigm.

The government can partner with First Nations communities to create on-site training and certification programs that will provide students with the opportunity to learn trades and start their own companies, in carpentry, plumbing and other skills. This is an opportunity to send out a challenge, to rethink the northern/remote home, both in design and in materials - to reduce reliance on materials shipped in from the south, or introduce materials that will reduce the double threat of mould and fire, so devastating to northern communities.

The new construction could provide an economic boom, but that boom should benefit the First Nations communities first, not companies and builders from outside the area looking for a share of the pie and a quick profit.

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Stuff the command post



Residents are invited to Stuff the South Simcoe Police Command Post - once again providing toys and gift cards for kids and families through Simcoe Muskoka Family Connections (formerly Children's Aid). The command post will make three stops, inviting residents to drop by and help fill the massive trailer. On Dec. 2, police and their partners will be at the Canadian Tire Store on Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona from 4 to 9 p.m. to kick off the annual campaign. On Dec. 3, the command post will be at the Walmart Supercentre in Bradford, at 545 Holland St. W., from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. And on Dec. 4, it will be at the Bradford Canadian Tire Store, 430 Holland St. W., from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last year's toy drive was a tremendous success, filling the large trailer to overflowing. South Simcoe Police are hoping to duplicate that success with the help of a caring community.

Letter to the Editor

A CHORUS OF THANKS

From all of us at Neema Child Project, we wish to offer a heartfelt thank-you to all of you who have believed in, supported and contributed to Neema Child Project and Neema Children's Choir in the past year.

The Neema Children's Choir returned to Uganda in early September marking the close of The Sound of Hope 2016 tour and a summer full of performances at schools, churches, music festivals, markets, private functions and community events. It was in the summer of 2015 that we first saw and heard the Neema Children's Choir perform and share their testimonies and messages of hope. Soon thereafter, following discussions with their leader, Pastor Daniel Muthwa, we began the planning process to start a charitable entity in support of this organization, Kingdom Child Project in Uganda, Africa.

Kingdom Child Project serves destitute and orphaned children by helping to supply education, food, housing and medical services with the goal of developing young people into community leaders who will perpetuate positive change and lead their people and their country out of poverty.

In January of 2016, Neema Child Project became a charitable program under Deuchange International, a registered Canadian charity based in Barrie.

Since then, through the dedication and perseverance of our volunteer project members, we have seen growing support for Neema Child Project in our communities

throughout Ontario. Starting in mid-May when The Sound of Hope 2016 began, Neema Child Project helped to organize approximately 75 performances for the Neema Children's Choir.

The Sound of Hope 2016 tour raised funds in support of over 50 children in Uganda. For this level of generosity and willingness, we are both thankful and inspired. These kids will now be going to school on a regular basis and gain better health through improved nutrition and medical care. However, there is so much more that needs to be done. Neema Child Project has a goal to support over 200 children in the same way and we cannot do this work without the support of those of you in our local communities.

Our goal was to create a credible and secure avenue through which those with willing hearts could donate and be assured that their money was reaching the children directly, giving real benefit and changing lives. We have accomplished this goal and we are ready to do much more.

Thank you to those of you who have entrusted us with your donations and who believe in the work we are doing, and thank you to those of you who will read this and consider how you can become involved. For more information about Neema Child Project or to arrange for a presentation detailing the organizational goals of Neema Child Project, please visit neemachildproject.org or call 855-633-6233, ext. 2.

ANDY AIDUA
PROJECT LEAD MEMBER



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Ever Kotsiewicz, director of the Senior Wish Association, hopes to bring Christmas gifts to seniors who are alone and lonely this holiday season in Bradford.

Granting seniors' wishes

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

You don't give up on Christmas wishes just because you're older.

For the past six years, the Senior Wish Association has been fulfilling the Christmas wishes of seniors who find themselves alone and forgotten at this festive time of year.

"We look after seniors that are alone at Christmastime," explained director Eve Kotsiewicz, adding they provide Christmas stockings and gifts "to make them feel loved." The Senior Wish Association started in Barrie, an offshoot of the city's Christmas Wish campaign. It has expanded to northern York Region, in

Newmarket and Aurora, and last year was introduced to the Town of Innisfil.

In 2015, the program provided gifts and cheer to hundreds of seniors in local locations. This year, the program is also being offered in Bradford West Gwillimburgh for the first time, connecting with 46 residents of Bradford Valley Care Community who will be alone this Christmas.

To make sure all of their wishes are granted, Kotsiewicz is looking for donation of slippers, pyjamas and nightgowns, housecoats, face cream and hand lotion, fancy soaps, small boxes of cookies and candies and, above all, cash so the gifts can be personalized.

One senior, his hands no longer steady, has asked for an electric razor. An elderly woman is hoping for a new bra that fits.

To make a donation, provide the name of a senior who is alone and in need of Christmas cheer to the Senior Wish Association's list, or to "adopt" a senior, contact Kotsiewicz at 705-321-6539 or email info@seniorwish.org.

"Many of our seniors are lonely and may go long periods of time without a phone call or a visit from someone who cares," Kotsiewicz said. Christmas is especially challenging for those without a loved one nearby, and she said, "Christmas is coming soon."

Christmas with the King

Love Elvis? Then you won't want to miss the performance of award-winning tribute artist Bruce Andrew Stewart at the Bradford legion on Dec. 3.

It's a three-hour-long production, with short breaks while Stewart changes costumes to better recreate the early years, movie years, GI army, and Leather.

"Johnny and June Cash" will also entertain between the breaks.

Stewart, who has a long list of awards as a "grand champion" and "gospel champion" tribute artist, will be joined on stage by his wife, Blaze, playing roles that range from a stewardess to Mrs. Santa in this evening of fun.

Christmas with the King at the Bradford legion, 115 Back St., will begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a late-night snack. For information, call 905-775-5025.

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A boost for Therapeutic Paws

Lorrie Poirier, financial adviser for The Co-operators in Bradford, announced a donation of \$1,000 to Therapeutic Paws of Canada, a non-profit organization that offers programs like Paws to Read, which matches child-certified therapy dogs with children who are struggling to read.

Other programs include friendly visits to seniors and to high-school students dealing with the stress of exams.

The \$1,000 donation will help Therapeutic Paws of Canada continue to support the community, through visits from their therapy dogs to senior residences, schools and hospitals.

"I have known the founder and vice-chair, Judy Sauvé, for a lifetime, and her passion to

work with animals and help communities Canada-wide is remarkable," said Poirier.

The funding was provided with the support of The Co-operators Advisor Community Fund, which augments donations made by Co-operators advisers. "I believe in the unconditional love and support animals can provide," said Poirier.

"Therapeutic Paws of Canada provides comfort to those in our community that need it to cope and overcome daily hurdles... Helping those who help others is just one small way we can contribute to our community."

Therapeutic Paws has thanked Poirier and The Co-operators regional and district offices.



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Meetings & Announcements

Town Council

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are available at: bradfordwestgwillimbury.civicweb.net

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meeting of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tue, Dec. 6 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

Board/Committee

Heritage Committee

• Mon, Dec. 5 @ 6:30 p.m.
305 Barrie St., Unit 2 – Boardroom

Downtown Revitalization Committee

• Wed, Dec. 7 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

• Thu, Dec. 8 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Boardroom

Grand Openings & Anniversaries

European Style Salon & Esthetic

• Sat, Dec. 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – 21 Barrie Street

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Celebrate!



In 2017, Canada turns 150! The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is excited to celebrate and looking for community input.

The Town is accepting submissions from the community for project ideas to contribute to the celebrations.

All approved projects will be included in the Town's Canada 150 marketing campaign.

The submission form can be found at: www.townofbwg.com/Canada150

For more information contact:
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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimby will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford** to consider a proposed draft plan of subdivision and an amendment to Zoning By-law 2010-050, as amended. Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.

Owner/Applicant: Deland Developments Limited
Location: Part of Lot 13, Concession 7
File Nos.: D12-16-13 and D14-16-10
Draft Part 2 on Reference Plan 51R-26935

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimby is in receipt of an application for approval of an 8 unit detached dwelling residential plan of subdivision. The lands included in the draft plan would be rezoned from Future Development "FD" to Residential One Exception "R1-2" with the purpose of implementing the specific standards for the proposed subdivision. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Additional information regarding the proposal is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of Community Planning located at 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, Bradford.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the applications.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed draft plan of subdivision and Zoning By-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to Caroline Murphy, Planner, Town of Bradford West Gwillimby Office of Community Planning, 305 Barrie Street, Unit 2, P.O. Box 419, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A9, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision regarding the proposed plan of subdivision and amendment to the Zoning By-law, you must submit a written request to Caroline Murphy at the address shown in the paragraph above.

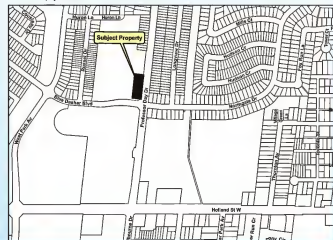
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If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimby the proposed plan of subdivision is approved or the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Caroline Murphy, Office of Community Planning, telephone 905-778-2055, ext. 1402, facsimile 905-778-2070 or email at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimby this 1st day of December, 2016.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



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South Simcoe Theatre celebrates in Cookstown

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

South Simcoe Theatre, now in its 51st season, is celebrating the milestone with 50: Our Golden Celebration – a review of both the history of the theatre group, and musical highlights from some of its top productions over the decades.

The show, written and arranged by director Scott Hurst and musical director Renee Cingolani, traces the origin of community theatre in Cookstown back to when Joan Megraw, recently arrived from Ireland, launched the South Simcoe Choral and Drama Society at Banting Memorial High School in Alliston. In a filmed interview, Megraw admits to being surprised by the overwhelming response to her call for singers and actors; there was standing room only for the first meeting of the society.

Interviews, and tributes to some of the former members of South Simcoe Theatre who were instrumental in creating superlative community theatre, are interspersed with musical numbers, presented by a stellar cast of 21 actors from across South Simcoe, almost all of whom have appeared on the South Simcoe Theatre stage before.

The musical arrangements by Cingolani give full scope to the talent of performers that include Rob Townsend, Darryn Stephen, Nancy Chapple Smokier, Kevin Scharf, Ann Johnston, Tom Mercer, Kristen Alary and Stephen Bainborough.

The songs are loosely presented by theme – the “golden age” of big musicals, including *The Sound of Music*, *Showboat*, and *Oklahoma*, “For the Boys” and “For the Girls” – but the



MIRIAM KING/STAGEFEST TIMES

New to South Simcoe Theatre, Julia Johnston-Brown mingles with guests after a performance of 50: Our Golden Celebration in Cookstown on Nov. 25.

show is more than a showcase of talent and a trip down memory lane. It's a love story to theatre itself. From the opening “Willkommen” from *Cabaret*, and “Comedy Tonight” from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, to the finale, “Lullaby of Broadway” from *42nd Street*, 50: Our Golden Celebration is a salute to all of the dreams, the rehearsals, the agonizing first nights, the magical moments on stage that have kept audiences spellbound. It's a joyous experience and deserves the standing ovations it has been receiving since it opened on Nov. 24.

50: Our Golden Celebration

will be on the Old Town Hall stage at 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown until Dec. 11, with 8 p.m. performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. For tickets, call the box office at 705-458-4432. Season's tickets for 50: Our Golden Celebration, Noel Coward's *Billie* (Feb. 2-19) and *Little Shop of Horrors* (April 6-23) will be available until Dec. 11.

South Simcoe Theatre took up residence in the Old Town Hall in 1983. The building will celebrate a special anniversary itself next year – its 150th. Originally a temperance hall, it was built in the year of Confederation.

News Brief

A Victorian Christmas

The 25th annual Victorian Christmas at the Cookstown Antique Market takes place this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Drop in for a cup of hot apple cider, and sweet and savoury treats, browse through the barn filled with antiques

and collectibles – all 10% off – and admire the twin 10-foot-tall tall Christmas trees, decorated in new and vintage ornaments. Owners Sally and Gerry Robinson and staff will be on hand, dressed in Victorian style, to share the spirit of the season. Donations of new, unwrapped

toys, non-perishable food and cash are welcomed for the Salvation Army.

The Cookstown Antique Market is located on County Road 27, one kilometre north of Highway 89 in Cookstown. For more information, see cookstownantiquemarket.com.

Police, partners awarded

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Innisfil Mayor Gordon Wauchope spoke at the start of the South Simcoe Police 2016 Service Recognition Awards night at the Innisfil Town Hall on Nov. 23.

"It is so important that we come together as a community to recognize our police staff," said the mayor, a former police officer. "The work you do is so important."

The awards honoured officers, auxiliaries, media and citizens for their contributions toward the creation of a safer community.

"This evening is about partnerships," said police Chief Rick Beazley. "We're proud to acknowledge you – your enthusiasm, your determination and,

above all, your dedication... Through your contributions, you've made our communities healthier, more engaged."

Beazley and Police Services Board chair Rod Hicks presented the following awards:

Governor General's Police Exemplary Service Medal, for 20 years of full-time police service characterized by "good conduct, extraordinary efficiency" – PC Dan Tucker.

Civilian Years of Service Award – Gloria Bull, for 20 years with South Simcoe Police.

Police Auxiliary Awards – Outstanding achievement to Jana Douglas, who has contributed 1,836 hours of volunteer service as an auxiliary; Sergeant Award

to Chris Moran; Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award to Connor McWaters.

Excellence in Traffic Safety – PC Carl Jarvis.

Community Safety and Crime Prevention – Special Const. Elisabeth Aschwan, in particular for her work with seniors.

Volunteer Service Award – Sgt. Sheryl Sutton, for the hours she has dedicated to the Ceremonial Unit.

Diversity and Cultural Competency Awards – presented to PC Matt Tomlin, for his work on mental-health issues and police sensitivity; and to the BWG Diversity Action Group.

Excellence in Investigations Awards – presented to John Small, Julio Fernandes and Kai Johnson, for solid investigative work in

locating a 45-calibre handgun outside a residence and tracking down a suspect; Morgan Russell, for her work in calming an agitated female and persuading her to seek medical help; Jon Ellis, Adam McCourt and Tiago Capeloa, for their work in securing a stolen tractor-trailer and the suspects involved; Deborah Smith, Adam Mackay and Jesse McGee for restraining two out-of-control males, with help from citizen Dave Thornton, who received a Citizen's Award for his assistance in a "dangerous and volatile" situation.

Also receiving a Citizen's Award was James Ackerson, who made a citizen's arrest after spotting a male breaking into a vehicle.

Excellence in Media Rela-



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Const. Matt Tomlin received a Diversity and Cultural Competency Award from South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley for his work on mental-health sensitivity and dealing with individuals experiencing mental-health issues.

Exterior Plus Roofing, Bradford Home Depot, Bradford Walmart Supercentre, and Cookstown Auto Centre.

"We commend all the recipients for your excellent service," Hicks said as the evening wrapped up. "It is your action and support that keeps us going."

Awards for community support went to Alcona Sobey's, Bradley Homes,

Police Briefs

Stolen car recovered

Innisfil – On Nov. 28, around 9:30 p.m., South Simcoe Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked off 25th Sideroad, near Line 9 Innisfil, since Saturday. The red Volkswagen Jetta had been stolen from a home on Candaras Street on Sunday; the keys were removed from another unlocked vehicle in the same driveway. Several reports of thefts from vehicles have been received over the few days. Police remind residents to remove all valuables, including recent purchases, from the vehicle before leaving it unattended. Spare keys should never be left in a glove box or console. Lock your vehicle at all times, and park it in a well-lit area. If you see suspicious activity in the neighbourhood, call 911.

Stunt driving

Bradford – At approximately 8 p.m. on Nov. 27, a South Simcoe Police sergeant observed a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed on Yonge Street in Bradford, registering 138 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone. A 20-year-old Innisfil man was stopped and charged with stunt driving and speeding. His licence was suspended for seven days, and his vehicle impounded.

Driving while suspended

Bradford – A South Simcoe

Police officer stopped a vehicle that was driving erratically on Holland Street West around 2 p.m. on Nov. 25 and discovered that the 34-year-old male driver was driving while under suspension. The man was charged, and a 33-year-old passenger was taken into custody on an outstanding bench warrant, held by OPP.

Grinches

Bradford – During the past week, a number of Christmas ornaments were stolen from a business in downtown Bradford. Surveillance video was obtained, and investigating officers recognized the suspects. Over the weekend, a 42-year-old man and 32-year-old woman, both Bradford residents, were arrested and charged with theft under \$5,000. They were released with a court date in December.

Child pornography arrest

Bradford – A 24-year-old Bradford man has been charged with possession of child pornography after a joint services investigation. Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Bureau and officers from the provincial Child Exploitation Unit executed a search warrant at a Bradford residence on the morning of Nov. 25. Number of computing devices were



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Helene Taylor of the Alliston and District Humane Society sells gingerbread house raffle tickets at the Nottawasaga Inn and Resort's Sugar Plum Fair in Alliston on Nov. 12. Every year, the resort holds a gingerbread house raffle to benefit a local charity. This year, staff and departments at the resort have created 12 outstanding gingerbread houses to be raffled off. Tickets are \$2 each, for \$5, raising funds for the Alliston and District Humane Society. Tickets are available at the resort until the draw on Dec. 13.

seized and searched; illegal images were discovered on a laptop. The man was held in custody for a bail hearing.

B&E update

Bradford – On Oct. 4, a Miller Park Avenue resident came home around 8 a.m. to discover a man in her house. The male suspect pushed past the woman and fled

west on Holland Street West. Officers, including the Canine Unit, were unsuccessful in locating the suspect, who was described as in his 30s, about six feet tall, wearing a black hoodie and tan pants. Investigation showed the man entered the house through a ground-floor window. A fingerprint was obtained from the window and identified, a

26-year-old Bradford man was arrested on Nov. 23 and charged with break and enter. He has a court date in December.

Scofflaw?

Bradford – On Nov. 23, around 2 p.m., a South Simcoe Police officer stopped a vehicle travelling 138 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone on

Yonge Street in Bradford West Gwillimbury. The 45-year-old Bradford man behind the wheel readily admitted to the officer he was driving while under suspension. In fact, the officer learned, the man was under three separate driving suspensions. The vehicle was towed, and the driver faces new charges of driving under suspension.

Kumon celebrates achievement

When kids sign up with the Kumon Math and Reading Centre of Bradford, they start on a journey that will not only lead to higher proficiency in reading and maths, but a pattern of achievement and self-motivation.

In the Bradford community since 2008, the mission of Kumon is to discover the potential in each student.

"By discovering the potential of each individual and developing his or her ability to the maximum, we aim to foster sound, capable people and thus contribute to the global community," the mission

statement reads.

Kumon programs lead the students through their grade curriculum and beyond - encouraging participants to study above their grade level by one, two or even three years. By 2016, several students achieved the new Kumon milestone of "J" by 6th - reaching the high-school level by the end of Grade 6.

On Nov. 21, the Kumon Math and Reading Centre of Bradford and instructor Carol Jiao presented students with certificates, medals and trophies, acknowledging their achievements.

Kids who have been

taking courses for less than six months received a certificate of achievement and a ribbon. There were bronze, silver and gold medals for kids working on material one, two or three grades above their level, as well as medals for dedication and commitment. And there were trophies for the 1 by 6 and Math Star "winners," but all of the students, as they develop a learning mindset and studying skills, are winners at Kumon.

The Kumon Centre is located at 312 Holland St. W.; for information, see kumon.com/bradford or call Jiao at 905-251-2882.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Instructor Carol Jiao congratulates students Jayden and James for working above their grade levels at the Kumon Math and Reading Centre in Bradford. James received a new J by 6th math award for reaching high-school level while still in Grade 6, completing work five years above his actual grade.

Bradford Central Walk-in Clinic opens

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The new Bradford Central Walk-in Clinic is taking a holistic approach to providing primary care, especially for those in Bradford who don't have a family physician, or are currently travelling out of town to access primary medical care.

The clinic offers walk-in medical services that include physical examinations, urgent care for non-critical injuries, diabetes management, flu shots, specialist referrals, all immunizations, travel medicine, and minor surgical procedures, as well as birth control, pregnancy tests and prenatal care for women, and acupuncture, hands-on healing, and nutrition services.

The clinic also includes the Bradford Central Pharmacy and will soon have its own diagnostic lab, all conveniently located at 107 Holland St. E.

Family physician Dr. Sharokh Aryan is the medical doctor attached to the clinic.

Aryan studied to become a general practitioner (equivalent to Canada's family physician) in the U.K., with further training in dermatology at Cardiff University. He has worked in various British hospitals, including James Paget University Hospital, affiliated with Cambridge University, and trained in dermatology and diabetes



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, MPP Julia Munro congratulates Dr. Sharokh Aryan and clinical co-ordinator Elena Amzurdaki on the opening of the Bradford Central Walk-in Clinic on Nov. 26.

management.

In addition to his work with walk-in patients, Aryan will be accepting new patients in his family practice.

Local nutritionist Gwen Cottingham (Simply for Life) is also working with the clinic. "It's going to be a one-stop place for people - conventional as well as the holistic," Cottingham explained. "They're trying to make it a wellness centre."

The official opening and ribbon cutting took place on Nov. 26, and Aryan was joined by pharmacists Mina Guirguis and Mina Erian, Cottingham, clinical co-ordinator Elena Amzurdaki and other staff and family members, as MPP Peter Van Loan, MPP Julia Munro, Mayor Bob Keffer and members of council

presented congratulations, welcoming the clinic to town.

Representing the province, Munro praised the "blending of the services in the walk-in clinic. This is being in the right place at the right time." "Thank you for opening this business in the downtown core," said Keffer. "Health care is such an important issue for our residents. This is sort of a one-stop shop."

Bradford Central Walk-in Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. (Clinic hours are subject to change, due to doctor availability and capacity.) For more information, or to confirm, call 905-551-3040 or email info@bradfordwalkinclinic.com.

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Carol around the campfire

Scanlon Creek Conservation Area and the Friends of Scanlon invite the community to come out for carolling around the campfire at the conservation area on Dec. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. — a magical evening of family fun. Activities will include a pinecone bird feeder craft and exploring the nature discovery table inside the Nature Centre. Outside, there will

be carolling and storytelling around a bonfire, live music, hot chocolate and a candlelit winter night hike in Scanlon's forests. Cost is \$10 per vehicle, or free with an annual membership to Scanlon.

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Golden Year: Bjorn Osieck, Ontario Soccer Association director of business operations, joins the executive of the Bradford Soccer Club to announce the club has earned gold standing in club excellence, at the club's annual general meeting on Nov. 24.

Golden year for Bradford Soccer Club

MIRIAM KONG
Bradford Times

Four years ago, the Bradford Soccer Club was mired in debt and losing participants. Although the town was growing rapidly, the number of players had fallen to a low of 750.

The future of the club

seemed in doubt, but with the support of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, a new executive committee, a new executive goal of fiscal responsibility and soccer development, and a mission "to provide our membership with the highest-quality learning experience through a well-planned and managed club," there has been a complete turnaround.

The Bradford Soccer Club now has a record 1,200 players. It introduced technical coaching starting at the Timbits level, increased the number of certified C licence coaches to five from zero, and saw its 1998 girls team win the Canadian National Championship in 2015.

Local sponsorships have risen from \$8,000 per year to more than \$20,000, which means every house-league team has a sponsor; the club was even able to provide some financial support to its competitive teams.

And in September, the club made a final payment,

paying back its loan from the town 18 months ahead of schedule.

The success story was outlined at the annual general meeting, held at the BWG Leisure Centre on Nov. 24. Attended by a representative of the Huronia district, and Coun. Raj Sandhu, the club celebrated its achievements, and one more: Bjorn Osieck, the Ontario Soccer Association's (OSA) director of business operations, announced the Bradford Soccer Club had successfully applied for gold standing through the OSA's Club Excellence program.

The program requires clubs to excel, Osieck said, in order to achieve bronze, silver or the highest gold standing. "This is a huge undertaking," he noted, with each club assessed on 150 criteria. He praised the volunteer board for "taking the club from what we've heard was a very difficult situation, to legitimately apply for this award ... It's

another seal of approval." The award itself will be presented at the OSA Summit in Oshawa. At the annual general meeting, Osieck told the executive the honour "is a validation" of all of the hard work undertaken to rebuild the Bradford Soccer Club as a leader in excellence.

"This solidifies the Bradford Soccer Club commitment," said director of discipline Maureen Esby, who has been working on the application for the past year. "This award is truly a team effort."

Technical director Steven Trikka noted even while "fighting through those tough times" over the past four years, the club has moved forward with soccer development, raising the bar for recreational programs and making changes that will offer new opportunities, not only for players, but coaches and young referees.

Even more importantly, Trikka said, "We're really focusing on the community."

Canada Games Activity Challenge

The Canada Games Council has launched the Canada Games Activity Challenge. Teachers from across Canada can sign up their students for a fun, free program that promotes daily activity

and physical literacy for kindergarten to Grade 7 — and get kids involved in Canada's 150th and Canada Games' 50th anniversaries. Teachers can register their classes until Jan. 27. Schools that record 100%

participation will be recognized. To sign up, visit canadagames.ca/activitychallenge. The challenge features three consecutive one-month modules that kick off on Feb. 13, nation-wide.

Soccer champs

School Athletics of Simcoe County (CSASC) champions and Georgian Bay Secondary Schools Association (GBSSA) champs. The seniors are

CSASC champions, GBSSA champions and have qualified for Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations, going on to the all-Ontarios.

Community Listings

THURS., DEC. 1

KIDS LEARN TO DECORATE A CAKE: Bonnie Aguilar of Sweet B's Confectionery leads another cake-decorating workshop for kids ages 6 to 12, 7 to 8 p.m. in the Blue Room at the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. Snowman Kids will decorate a 6" snowman cake to take home. Pre-register at the Library, \$17 per child.

FRI., DEC. 2

STUFF THE COMMAND POST: South Simcoe Police partner with CTV Barrie, for the annual Cram the Command Post Toy Drive, for Simcoe Muskoka Family Connections (formerly Children's Aid), At the Canadian Tire Store in Alcona on Dec. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.; Walmart in Bradford on Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at the Canadian Tire Store in Bradford on Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE TURKEY DINNER: St. Peter's Anglican Church in Charlton, Innisfil, hosts a Community Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., serving up turkey with all the trimmings, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert, free. The Church hall is wheelchair accessible from the side door. For info, call 705-436-9769.

BWG CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS: The Town of BWG celebrates Christmas at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, 6 to 8 p.m., with a tree-lighting and Caroling with Santa at 6 p.m. in Sunshine Square, followed by crafts and free photos with Santa in the evening, courtesy of K. Siskema Photography. Bring your skates - there will be free skating at 6:40 p.m., sponsored by Royal LePage RCR Realty.

EUCHRE NIGHT: Eastern Star Euchre, at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria St. in Stroud. Bid

and Progressive Euchre, cash prizes, luncheon only \$7 for the evening, starting at 7 p.m. For info and tickets call 705-790-0486 or 705-252-0063. Next Euchre Night: Jan. 7.

TREE-LIGHTING IN ALCONA: Innisfil Fire & Rescue invites the community to a Tree-lighting and Visit with Santa, at Station 1, Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, starting at 6:30 p.m. Hot chocolate, apple cider, coffee and Timbits, snow globes, and a visit with Santa. Bring your cameras and letters to Santa.

SAT., DEC. 3

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SALE IN BOND HEAD: The Bond Head Lions offer their Craft Sale at the Bond Head Community Hall on County Rd. 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thrift stores, upstairs and down, home baked goods and a 25¢ Pancake Sausage Breakfast with the Lions, downstairs from 8 a.m. to noon. Free admission.

MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS: Schornberg closes its Main St. for a Victorian Christmas. Craft Show at the Community Hall starting at 3 p.m., daytime Santa Claus Parade at 4 p.m., Caroling, hot chocolate, and a Farmers' Parade of Lights at 6 p.m. Admission \$5 adults, free for kids 12 and under. Park at Brownsville Plaza, Crossroads Plaza (27 and 9) or Trian Avenue and take the free shuttlebus.

WINTERLAAS VISITS: At Dutch Village, 15 Holland St. East in Bradford, 1 to 3 p.m. Don't forget to pick up a coloring sheet and enter the coloring contest for kids.

WINTER MOCCASIN WORKSHOP: Line of the North holds a Winter Moccasin Workshop at Scarion Creek Conservation Area, Dec. 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Design and create your own pair of deerskin or canvas winter



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moccasins, \$250 plus HST, incl. all materials plus a \$25 donation to Friends of Scarion. Register at www.kareethenorth.com

LOTTERY & WISHES: The Rotary Club of Innisfil hosts a fundraiser for the YMCA Youth Programs at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, Treats, Visit with Santa, Silent Auction. Donations will light up the tree!

COOKIES WITH SANTA: Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with Santa at the Eiman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, 1 to 3 p.m. Free, but bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry, and a camera to take photos.

TRIM THE TREE: The BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, invites everyone to drop in for the Free Christmas Saturday. Make a Christmas Tree Ornament - one to take home, and one for the Children's Tree at the Library, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hear the Bradford Children's Choir from noon to 1 p.m., and watch the Bradford School of Dance, 1 to 2 p.m. Free.

FESTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS: Songs, storytelling, crafts, tree decoration, and a visit from Santa. At the Cookstown Library at 10:15 a.m., Stroud Library at 10:30 a.m. Free.

CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy the

Bake Table, Hand-made cards, Wood-carving, jewellery, White Elephant table, and a Tea Room. Donate a new pair of mittens or socks, and receive a ballot on a draw for a gift basket.

SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane, 2 p.m. Presenter is Janice Nickerson, on 'Beyond the Book of Family History'. For info see simcoebc.org.

TREE-LIGHTING IN STROUD: The Innisfil Fire & Rescue invites the community to the annual Tree-lighting at the Stroud Fire Station #3 at 7 p.m. Refreshments, and a visit from Santa.

LEFROY UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Crafters and vendors in the Grange Hall, Bake Sale, Penny table, White Elephant, and a Lunch Room downstairs in the church, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All welcome.

SUN., DEC. 4

INNISPRIOT OF CHRISTMAS: St. James United Church in Stroud hosts the Innispruit Church in a celebration of the season, 2 p.m. Many talented musicians will perform, with special music from Sue Smith and Jeff Bird of Guelph. Admission is a donation of non-perishable food or fruit will offering. Stories and music of the season.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church 1486 Sideroad #8, Bradford, 905-775-3731 Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sunday School & Nursery Pastor: Paul Vanderloo www.springdalecncr.net	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford 905-775-3412 Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Bond Head United Church 425 Holland St., Bond Head Come check us out Sunday's at 10:30 am 421 County Rd. 38 In the Heart of Bond Head "And now I will show you a most excellent way" - 1 Cor. 13	Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church 167 Esna St. Bradford 905-775-0065 Masses Sat: 8:00 p.m., Sun: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Confessions 1/2 hour before Sunday mass.
Trinity Anglican Church 82 Church St., Bradford (Corner of Church & James St.) Sunday Service, 10 am Sunday School, 10 am 905-775-2200 trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com	Bradford United Church 66 Barrie St., 905-775-7288 Service - 10 am Sunday School Available www.bradfordunited.com
St. John's Presbyterian 2940 - 10th Sideroad (8th Line & Midlandtown SR) 905-775-7274 Sunday Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery provided. stjohnspresby@bradford.ca	Bradford Community Church Mid-week small group 905-775-6868, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Conc. #9 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Nursery - Bath to 3 yrs. Children - 4 to 12 yrs
Bradford Islamic Community Centre offer Friday Prayer Service Time: 3:30 PM At Bradford Islamic Community Centre - (130 Ireland St East & 4th Street S1154) *All Muslims, women & kids are welcome * Please contact at bradfordislamiccommunity@gmail.com for further details	Riverdive Bible Chapel 905-836-1798 #20488 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11) 11:30 am - Family Bible Hour 1:30 pm - Antioch Bible Study 7:30 pm Wild - Prayer - Bible Study
St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church 721 Seneca Rd, Bradford 905-775-7274 Liturgical Services Liturgy: Sunday & Feast Days 10:00 am Priest: 905-715-0105	Greater Life Community Church 2940 Sideroad 10, Bradford (Sideroad 10 & Line #8) Sunday Worship 2:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm 905-775-7845 www.greaterlifecentre.com
Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church 18025 Ouldrup St., R.R. 4, Newmarket Sundays 10:00 am & 5:30 pm Sunday School & Nursery with services Wed-weekly youth & adult programs Rev. Richard Bond 905-775-7291 E: bondhollandmarsh@bradford.org	Ahmadia Muslim Jamaat Friday Prayer Service: 1:30pm at "Hafsaq Ahmad" 8999 19th Sideroad led by Imam Ismail Ahmad For further details, contact: Imams Bilal (905-867-9652) 865-775-2708 www.ahmadiyya.ca
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Participants will learn floor design, installation, finish and repair, getting both theoretical and practical knowl-

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Participants will learn workplace safety, understanding measurements, drawing and

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Obituaries **Obituaries**

MARSHMAN, Glendon (Glen) - Peacefully passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2016 at the age of 69 in Orlia. He is survived by his wife Jill, children Alison (Richard), Barrie and Greg, stepchildren Amylee (Steve), Kerri (Kristen), Mandy (Brian), grandchild Alexandra, step-grandchildren Tyler, Salena, Ruby, and Neil, sister Pat and brothers Brian (Doreen) and Doug (Mary Ellen). He will be missed by all his nieces and nephews. As per Glen's wishes, there will be a private family service. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford.

BAYNTON, William (Bill) - It is with sadness that the family of William (Bill) Leslie Baynton announces his passing in his Bradford home on Thursday, November 24, 2016 in his 68th year. Bill is survived by his mother Hazel; his children Lindsay (Jérôme), Kristy (Roland), Ashley (Eric), and Scott (Ksenia); his grand-children Logan, Madeline, Chloé, Ella, and Eveline; his sisters Kim (Gibbs) and Elizabeth (Todd); and his nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his loving wife Lynda, his father Will, his brother Robert (Sandy), and brother-in-law Robert. Bill was born on December 6th, 1948, the eldest child of Colonel Wilfred and Mrs. Hazel Baynton. He studied Mechanical Engineering variously at Queen's University, Royal Military College of Canada, and Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean. Later, he completed his Masters of Business Administration at Ivey Business School in London. Bill headed a series of companies in the Toronto area, and later worked as a consultant and financial planner. While at Queen's, he met future wife, Lynda Smart. They were married on August 28th, 1971, and welcomed four children into their family who remember Bill as an industrious, meticulous, and joyful father. A devoted son and husband, Bill was always sure that his family's needs were met. He was the prototypical super-contractor, and related putting his family, friends, and associates in touch with one another to answer questions. A natural athlete, Bill enjoyed sports and played baseball well into his adult life. A memorial vigil was held at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 1 p.m. until a celebration of life at 2 p.m. For those who wish, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

McKNIGHT, Lorie Christine - Suddenly passed away at her home in Huntville, on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 51 years of age. Beloved daughter of Shirley (nee West) and the late Russell McKnight. Loving sister of Kevin (Carrie) and James (Elaine). Dear aunt of Christopher (Tara), Karen (Graig), Jimmy and Jessica. Lorie will be fondly remembered by her extended family and friends. At Lorie's request, cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In Lorie's memory, donations may be made to Epilepsy Ontario. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford.

In Memoriams **In Memoriams**

RANDY THOMAS STRANGE
December 4, 2013

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As I think about those memories with silent tears.

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News Briefs

Sounds of the season

Music for Mia

Suzanne Grondin and her students are hosting their annual Winter Benefit Concert on Dec. 3 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford at 2 p.m. Titled Music for Mia: A Concert for Pulmonary Hypertension, the concert is a fundraiser for the PH Association of Canada. Mia is a 10-year-old girl who was diagnosed with pulmonary hypertension this year; she and her family will be raising awareness of the disease. Admission is by donation, at the door.

ImniSpirit Choir

Looking for the Christmas spirit? Experience the joy of the season at St. James United Church in Stroud on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. when the ImniSpirit Choir — combined talents from Churchill, Gifford, Lefroy and Stroud United churches — come together in a celebration of the season. Many talented musicians will perform, with special music from Sue Smith and Jeff Bard of Guelph. Admission is a donation of non-perishable food or a freewill offering. Come out and enjoy this music tradition in Innisfil.

Christmas concert

The New Tecumseth Singers and Dufferin Concert Singers present their We Need a Little Christmas concerts — a series of three concerts raising funds for The Door Youth Centre in Alliston and Orangeville. Concerts are scheduled for Dec. 3 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at Orangeville Christian Reformed Church at 3:30 p.m., and Dec. 18 at St. John's United Church in Creemore at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, free for children younger than 16. For more information, see www.tecumsethsingers.com or thedufferinconcertsingers.com.

Christmas kids for kids

The Innisfil Ideal LAB and Lions Lakeshore branch hosts a Christmas concert for kids on Dec. 10, featuring the Simcoe County Band. Starts at 3 p.m., when kids can make their own instruments at the craft table; the concert begins at 3:30 p.m. Free. At the Lakeshore branch on Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona.

Soloist returns

Pianist and educator Vladimir Soloviev returns to the Bradford United Church's Bradford Centre for

Decorator's Edge

Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore Paints, located at 284 Holland St. W. in Bradford, is hosting its annual toy drive. Drop off new, unwrapped toys to make sure all children are visited by Santa this holiday season.

Paramedics toy drive

The Simcoe County Paramedic Services is holding its annual toy drive, collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls



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Carolers, from left, Patrick Grace, Mary Schoenmaker and Jan Wade sing at Light Up Night in Cookstown on Nov. 26.

the Arts, 66 Barrie St., for another stellar concert, combining a musical lecture with the work of J.S. Bach — Partita in D minor — and Ludwig van Beethoven, Sonata No. 30 in E Major. The concert takes place on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Adults \$15; students and seniors \$7.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance at 905-731-5335. The evening will include refreshments and a cash bar.

Christmas blessings

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Parish is planning an evening of blessings on Dec. 17, starting with the blessing of the church's Christmas tree at 6:30 p.m., and followed by Christmas music and carolling. All are welcome to come out to the church, 167 Essa St. in Bradford, for an evening of celebration through Christmas music. Refreshments will end the evening.

Christmas Around the World

The Huronia Symphony Orchestra and the local choir provide a musical journey through seasonal favourites, and a carol sing-along, on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd. For tickets, call 705-721-4752.

Kleinburg Treble Makers

The Kleinburg Treble Makers, an a cappella women's ensemble, will share a Christmas and holiday program and sing along at the Bradford United Church's Bradford Centre for the Arts, 66 Barrie St., on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5, with the proceeds going to the BWG Community Initiative's Bradford Community Meal. The ensemble is well known in the area and has performed at the Ontario Vocal Festival's Jazz Festival, opening of the Vaughan Farmers' Market, Christmas in Kleinburg and many other venues — now bringing their music to Bradford.

Toy drives

In need. A drop box has been set up in front of the ambulance station, 170 Artesian Industrial Pkwy., in Bradford to accept donations of toys and gently used clothing for local families, until Dec. 7.

Century 21

Century 21 Heritage Group Realty, located at 49 Holland St. W., is holding a toy drive until Dec. 20. Drop off new, unwrapped toys for kids at the Bradford office, for distribution to local families in need.

A Newtown Christmas

STAFF

Newton Robinson's unofficial town council continues to bring the community together for special events and celebrations.

On Saturday, local families gathered to "trim the tree" beside the Newton Robinson Hall, then share a Christmas potluck dinner and movie night, watching the children's movie, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

It was the second annual Newtown Christmas celebration, in the banquet located on County Road 27 north of Bond Head. "Council" members cooked turkey, cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes, and invited families to bring salads, sides and sweets to complete the festive meal. Participants could

also bring donations of non-perishable food or unwrapped toys for delivery to a local food bank or toy drive.

"Mayor" Tyler Philip and his crew started trimming the tree early in the afternoon, using a 40-foot ladder borrowed from a local arborist to drape the lights and decorations around the upper branches and set a star as close to the top as possible. Kids helped decorate the lower branches.

Philip has been "re-elected" mayor, but has a new deputy mayor in Becky Rutherford and secretary-treasurer in Kirsty Dekkena. "We mixed things up a bit," he laughed, noting the goal of council remains the same: to bring the community



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Newton Robinson "council" and residents decorating the community Christmas tree on Nov. 26 were joined by Coun. Peter Ferragine, left.

together, building bonds between neighbours.

After dark, the Christmas lights were turned on, illuminating the tree and welcoming the Christmas spirit to the hamlet.



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Evenly, three-and-a-half, gives Santa a cookie she made, just for him at the Breakfast with Santa event in Bradford on Nov. 26.



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Gus, almost 3, tells Santa his Christmas wishes



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Santa with baby Allie, one month, and big brother Andrew, almost 4, at Breakfast with Santa.

Feeding the spirit

STAFF

The auditorium at the Bradford Community Centre was so full on Saturday morning, the Bradford Lions had to bring out extra tables and chairs and pick up extra supplies for their annual Breakfast with Santa.

The community event attracted a record crowd. Families came out to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage, and meet Santa Claus. Kids dressed in their Christmas best climbed on Santa's knee and whispered their wishes in his ear,

while Lion Jennifer Pegg joined parents and grandparents in snapping photos.

Evenly, three-and-a-half, didn't come just to tell Santa her Christmas wishes. She made a special gingerbread cookie to give to Santa.

She wasn't the only one who wanted to share. Families brought bags and boxes of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank to share with those in need this holiday season.

Breakfast was once again



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Elves with the new Leo Club help out at Breakfast with Santa in Bradford on Nov. 26, served by members of the Lions club, this year assisted by "elves" from the newly formed Leo Club for Youth.



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